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CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Unknown Subject, Possibly Identifiable with ERIC STARVO GALT

1. On 19 April 1968 I passed to Mr. Papich of the FBI ten copies each of the two photographs (copies attached) of an unknown individual who bears some resemblance to Galt. These photographs were taken of the individual as he entered and/or departed the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City. Since the photographs were taken by an automatic camera, the dates were arrived at by an analysis of the frame numbers within a given dated reel. The pictures were probably taken during the period 11-13 October 1967; since 12 October was a holiday (Columbus Day) and the Cuban Embassy was probably closed, the pictures were probably taken on either 11 or 13 October. The photographs of this individual were located by Mexican Desk personnel who scanned negatives of all photographs taken by the automatic camera during the months of October and November 1967. These films had been sent to Headquarters for processing and were therefore not available to the Mexican Station. The Mexican Station had previously scanned, at the request of the Legal Attache in Mexico City, photographs taken by other means of the Cuban and Soviet Embassies in Mexico City. The results of these searches by the station were essentially negative, although one photograph described as only slightly resembling Galt was turned over by the Mexican Station to the FBI in Mexico City on instructions from Headquarters. (See IN 93087 and DIR 92331 dated 17 April 1968.)

2. Mr. Papich was advised that the Bureau is free to use these photographs in checking the possible identification of Galt with any FBI sources. He was cautioned, however, that the geographic location and installation where the individual was photographed, the method of photography, and the agency taking the

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photographs must not be identified under any circumstances without prior permission from this Agency. Mr. Papich agreed to this condition and stated that he would specifically remind the FBI agents of the Oswald photograph incident.

3. According to Mr. Papich, current FBI information indicates that Galt entered Mexico via Lorado, Texas on 7 October 1967; that he was located at the Hotel Rio, Puerto Vallarta, Calisco from 19 October to 6 November 1967 and at the Tropicana Hotel in the same place from 7 November to 13 November 1967; and that he was back in the U. S. on 19 November 1967.

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Distribution:

Orig. and 1 - Galt, Eric Starvo (w/att)
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~~1 - B-Memos (w/o att)~~
1 - WH/Mexico (w/o att)
1 - Assassin file (w/o att)

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